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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a new Central Sector Scheme on the State of Indian farmers, planning and management of agriculture and if so, the objectives of the scheme;

(b) whether several conferences and seminars involving eminent economists, agricultural scientists, experts, etc., have been organised across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the inputs gathered from the studies, seminars, workshops organised on agricultural issues are helpful to form/review the National Agriculture Policy and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): No such new scheme has been formulated. However, there are a number of schemes being implemented by the Ministry for the welfare of the farmers. Some of the schemes under implementation are National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India(BGREI), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), etc.

Recently, the Govt. has launched a Central Sector Scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), replacing the existing schemes of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) & Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) from Kharif 2016. The objectives of the scheme are as under:

? To provide insurance coverage and financial support to the farmers in the event of prevented sowing & loss in yield of any of the notified crop as a result of natural calamities, pests & diseases and adverse weather conditions.

? To encourage the farmers to adopt progressive farming practices, high value in-puts and higher technology in agriculture.

? To help stabilize farm incomes

Also the Govt. has approved the establishment of a National Agricultural Market (NAM) based on e-auction platform which will integrate 585 number of APMCs across the country.

(b) & (c): Several conferences and Seminars are organised at national level viz. Kharif and Rabi conferences and at regional & State level, on sustainable agriculture duly participated by the eminent economists, agricultural scientists, experts, etc. Besides, the Cabinet Secretariat has constituted Group of Secretaries for deliberating on subjects which have a direct bearing on the socio-economic development of the country. Out of the eight subject chosen one is "Farmer centric Initiatives in Agriculture & Allied sectors". Also the NITI Aayog has constituted a Task Force on Agriculture Development to suggest measures to re invigorate agriculture in the country. The outcome of the conferences/seminars is used / helpful in revamping the agricultural schemes and in formulation of National Agriculture Policy.
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